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Democrats remain united against President Trump following Super Tuesday outcome

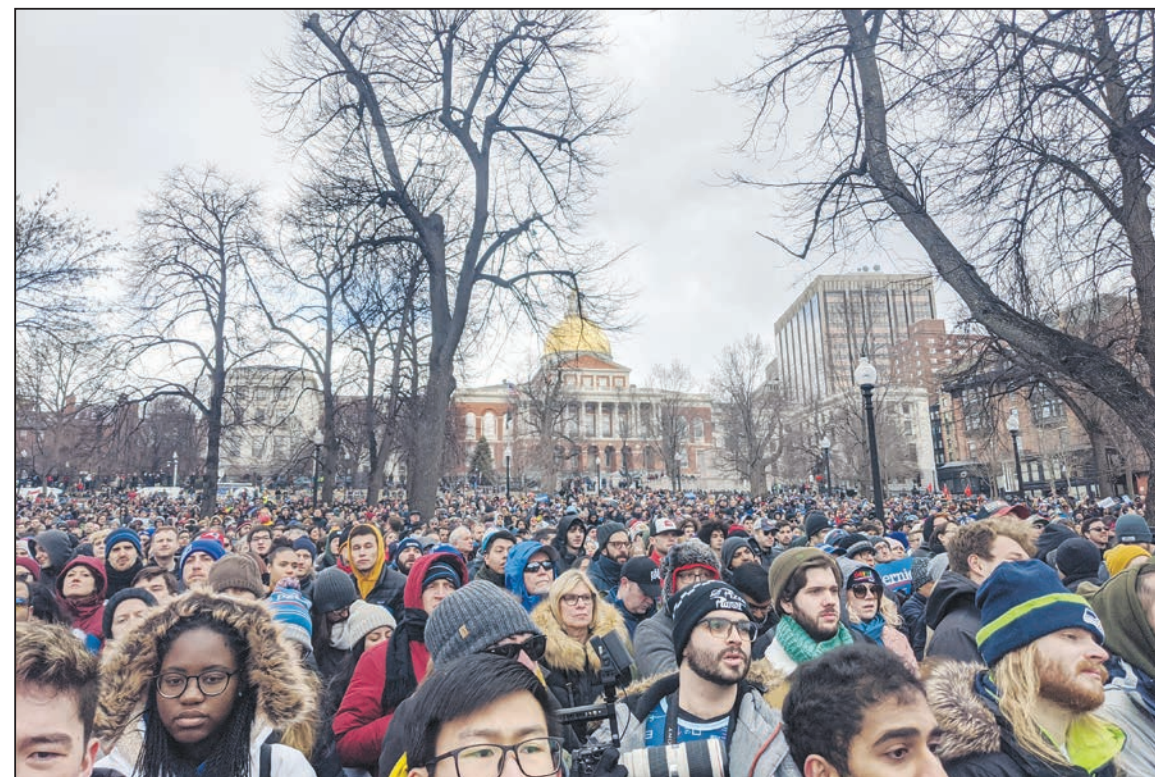


Photo by Kane Dimasso-Scott

On Saturday, Feb. 29, Candidate for U.S. President Bernie Sanders held a rally on the Boston Common, where he as well as various campaign and local officials spoke to a crowd of over 10,000 people. Lines to enter the rally began forming around 10 a.m., and snaked around the outer pathways of the Common. Following the remarks of Presidential Candidate Sanders and local officials, attendees with the campaign kicked off a City-wide canvassing effort to encourage people to get out, vote, and vote for Sanders.

By Dan Murphy

While some local Democratic leaders were shocked by the outcome of Super Tuesday, especially with Sen. Elizabeth Warren's third-place finish in her home state, they agree that defeating Presidential Trump in November is their top priority.

According to the City of Boston's unofficial election results, former Vice President Joe Biden narrowly edged out Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders, with 30.11 percent (43,210 votes) and 30.07 percent of the ballot (43,154 votes),

respectively. Massachusetts Sen. Elizabeth trailed with 27.31 percent of the ballot (39,188 votes) while former New York City Mayor finished fourth with 8.28 percent, or 11,878 votes.

"Talking to Boston voters, what I saw was a huge amount of energy aimed at beating Donald Trump, leading to really high turnout," City Councilor Kenzie Bok wrote. "Many of those voters shifted to supporting Biden in the last 48 hours, which I heard firsthand as I canvassed for Warren. A sense of momentum for Biden through

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City archaeologist to serve as featured speaker at BHCA Meeting

The Beacon Hill Civic Association's (BHCA) Annual Meeting will take place on Monday, May 18, beginning at 6 p.m. at the Union Club, 8 Park St. BHCA's featured speaker at the Annual Meeting will be Boston City Archaeologist Joseph M.

Bagley, who will be presenting a talk on "A History of Beacon Hill Through Its Artifacts."

Bagley is the author of "A History of Boston in 50 Artifacts," which stretches back over 12,000

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BEACON HILL CIVIC ASSOCIATION COMMUNITY CORNER

District 8 City Councilor Kenzie Bok to speak at BHCA First Friday Coffee Hour

Come to the BHCA at 74 Joy Street this Friday, March 6th from 8-9am to meet District 8 City Councilor and Beacon Hill resident Kenzie Bok. She will discuss her role in the City Council and her plans for this her first year.

We will also have information about the BHCA, what we do for the community and how you can get involved. Free coffee and doughnuts!

Construction season is here again

It seems that everywhere one looks, one sees multiple contractor parking permits posted on Beacon Hill's streets. To obtain their initial permits, contractors must visit the Boston Transportation



Kenzie Bok.

After the two-week initial period, contractors must come to the BHCA so that we are aware that they are renewing before visiting City Hall again. This allows us to keep an eye on the many projects going on in the neighborhood, and to convey any complaints and concerns that neighbors have reported. In the busy construction season of spring and summer, the office staff can be working with 25 contractors at any given time who are working on the Hill.

Our residents play an important role in monitoring permits on their street. Let the BHCA know if these permits are being improperly used. Sending photos with comments to info@bhcivic.org is the best way to go. The BHCA

Department (BTD) at City Hall. There, they pay for and are given a parking permit, usually limited to two weeks and no more than two parking spaces, with no night or weekend permission depending on the equipment used.

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Boston City Archaeologist Joseph M. Bagley, who will be the featured speaker at the Beacon Hill Civic Association's Annual Meeting on May 18 at the Union Club.

Revolutionary union bring together two Freedom Trail landmarks

By Dan Murphy

Since this year marks the 250th anniversary of the events leading up to the American Revolution, two local landmarks and historic sites on the Freedom Trail have joined together to celebrate this milestone in our nation's history.

Revolutionary Spaces unites the Old South Meeting House and Old State House "as both landmarks and museums, as well as gathering spaces for the open exchange of ideas and the continuing practice of democracy," according to a statement from the newly formed nonprofit.

"We've really been immersed in the planning process for more than a year with both boards and staffs, and key partners from the cultural and historical communities," said Matthew Cotty, executive director. "The idea was really together to be stronger stewards of the two buildings and build and really enhance on their dynamic programming and tell the unique story of the American Revolution."

The commemorative events kick off with a Boston Massacre 250th Anniversary Commemoration at the Old South Meeting House, located at 310 Washington St., on Thursday, March 5, from 6:30 to 8 p.m., with limited seating available to the public; and on Saturday, March 7, from 1-5 p.m., re-enactors will reinterpret the historic event inside and outside of the Old State House, Old South Meeting House and the Edes & Gill Print Shop at Faneuil Hall, and from 7 to 7:30 p.m., the reenactment takes place outside the Old State House near the Massacre site on the Freedom Trail.

"The Boston Massacre is a pivotal historic event that should

not be forgotten. At the same time, public history should not be limited to telling stories about our past," Nat Sheidley, Revolutionary Spaces' president and CEO, said in a press release. "We're using the memory of this significant event to both bring history into the present day and use that platform to foster dynamic, interactive conversations about democracy through art, drama, conversation and exhibits."

On the night of March 5, 1770, more than 1,000 British soldiers sent to reinforce the Crown's rule clashed with an indignant mob of Bostonians on King Street (now the site of Old State Street), resulting in the deaths of five men, the first of whom being Crispus Attucks, a self-liberated sailor of mixed African and Native American roots.

Revolutionary Spaces will open a temporary exhibit called "Reflecting Attucks" March 5, at the Old State House, which explores his life and memory of the Massacre's first victim and runs through March of next year, as well as present an encore production of "Blood on the Snow" — award-winning playwright Patrick Gabridge's hour-long dramatization of the Boston Town meeting of March 6, 1770 — one day after the Massacre — this fall at the Council Chambers at the Old State House.

Also this year, Revolutionary Spaces is partnering with Now + There — a nonprofit that helps foster public art throughout the city — at the Old State House, which Cotty describes as "a multi-disciplinary art project that really reflects the Massacre and how we use it to look at history today."

And while plenty is in store for 2020, Revolutionary Spaces is already planning ahead to the



Courtesy of Revolutionary Spaces

The Old State House, which partners with the Old South Meeting House for Revolutionary Spaces.

250th anniversaries of the Boston Tea Party and the American Revolution in 2023 and 2026, respectively.

"Public history like we've never seen before is our big thing,"

Cotty said. "We're bringing programming in the coming year and into the future that challenges our understanding of our shared past and help us build on the future that we want for Boston and the

nation."

Visit www.RevolutionarySpaces.org for up-to-date information on Revolutionary Spaces.

Parks Dept. free indoor golf clinics begin March 23

The Boston Parks and Recreation Department is offering free indoor golf clinics at local Community Centers for both beginners and experienced players who want to brush up on their skills before they hit the links.

The clinic series is six weeks long with registration on a first-come, first-served basis. The first hour of each clinic is the Junior Session (ages 7 to 17), the second hour is the Adult Session (18 and up). There is a maximum of 25 people per session; all others will be placed on a waiting list.

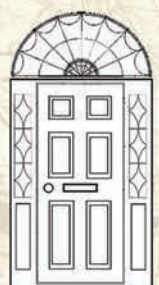
Equipment is provided, but you may bring your own clubs. Clinicians are highly qualified golf instructors. To register, please contact the sites directly. The clinic schedule is as follows:

Mondays starting March 23
BCYF Leahy Holloran
1 Worrell Street, Dorchester
(617) 635-5150
Junior Session: 5 p.m.
Adult Session: 6 p.m.

BCYF Ohrenberger
175 West Boundary Road, West Roxbury
(617) 635-5183
Junior Session: 6 p.m.
Adult Session: 7 p.m.
Tuesdays starting March 24
Salesian Boys & Girls Club of East Boston
150 Byron Street, East Boston
(617) 567-6626
Junior Session: 5 p.m.
Adult Session: 6 p.m.
BCYF Charlestown
255 Medford Street, Charlestown
(617) 635-5169
Junior Session: 6 p.m.
Adult Session: 7 p.m.
Wednesdays starting March 25
BCYF Tynan
650 East Fourth Street, South Boston
(617) 635-5110
Junior Session: 6 p.m.
Adult Session: 7 p.m.
Colonel Daniel Marr Boys & Girls Clubhouse

35 Deer Street, Dorchester
(617) 288-7120
Junior Session: 6 p.m.
Adult Session: 7 p.m.
Thursdays starting March 26

BCYF Jackson-Mann
500 Cambridge Street, Allston
(617) 635-5153
Junior Session: 5 p.m.
Adult Session: 6 p.m.
Fridays starting March 27
BCYF Perkins
155 Talbot Avenue, Dorchester
(617) 635-5162
Junior Session: 6 p.m.
Adult Session: 7 p.m.
BCYF Quincy
885 Washington Street, Chinatown
(617) 635-5129
Junior Session: 5 p.m.
Adult Session: 6 p.m.
For more info, please contact Jennifer Widener at (617) 961-3047 or jennifer.widener@boston.gov.



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309 Marlborough Street	Polaris 2000 LLC	309 Marlborough St	\$8,800,000
Byrd, Alice S	Rotman, Alyssa	160 Commonwealth Ave #413	\$1,005,000
Lynch, Susan	Scofield, Mark	431 Marlborough St #1	\$3,300,000
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TBC 222 LLC	SDC DLJ Beacon Hill LLC	7 Mount Vernon Pl #7	\$6,800,000
BAY VILLAGE/SOUTH END/KENMORE			
Galat, Nicholas W	82 Chandler LLC	82 Chandler St #1	\$1,835,000
Simonian, Jeffrey R	Chen, Steven T	110 Stuart St #26J	\$1,130,000
CPS 109 Brookline LLC	EQC Operating T	109 Brookline Ave	\$270,000,000
Yakubovsky, Mikhail	King, Victor A	234 Causeway St #819	\$799,000
Hughes, Jessica C	Lemle, Jake T	33 Upton St #2	\$2,250,000
WATERFRONT/DOWNTOWN			
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India Row Properties LLC	Newby, Stephanie S	85 E India Row #39H	\$700,000
Head, David M	Maureen Brown Yoder	126-128 Fulton St #18	\$795,000
Suk Sum Tam IRT	Tam, Sally W	1 Nassau St #1302	\$525,000

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years and then comes right up to the near past, to tell the unique history of Boston by examining the artifacts that have been found here. From cannonballs to drinking cups and from ancient spears to porcelain, his book offers a unique look at Boston's history and physical culture while revealing the ways objects can offer a tantalizing entrée into our past.

Bagley has conducted archaeological surveys from the woods of Maine to the Florida Everglades and specializes in both Native American and historical archaeological analysis and the archaeology of Boston. Currently he curates a growing repository of archaeological collections housed at the

City Archaeology Laboratory in West Roxbury, acts as the review and compliance agent for below-ground cultural resources in the city, educates the public in archaeology through a number of city programs, manages Rainsford Island, and manages the Archaeology Programs' social media platforms.

Bagley received a bachelor's degree in Archaeology from Boston University and a master's degree in Historical Archaeology from UMass Boston. In 2016, he was awarded the John L. Cotter Award from the Society for Historical Archaeology for early career achievements.

"We are very excited to have

Boston City Archaeologist Joe Bagley as the featured speaker at our upcoming Annual Meeting," said Rob Whitney, BHCA President. "I have read his book on the history of Boston as told through the artifacts that have been found here, and it is fascinating. I'm very much looking forward to his presentation at the BHCA Annual Meeting."

To attend the BHCA's Annual Meeting and hear Bagley's fascinating tale about the history of Beacon Hill through the artifacts that have been found here - from the Boston Common to the African Meeting House - e-mail info@bhcciv.org or call 617-227-1922.

Attention to Detail

By PENNY CHERUBINO

THIS WEEK'S ANSWER




The tiers of fire balconies in the last clue are on 272- 274 Cambridge St. built as a tenement house with stores in 1911. Over the years, the commercial space has been home to Murray's Delicatessen, Italo Pizza, AA Pizza, Pierrot Bistrot Francais, and is now longtime Boston Chef Jackie Robert's Ma Maison.

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EDITORIAL

MARCH IS WEATHER PURGATORY

With the promise of winter coming to an end and spring just around the corner, we have high hopes for March.

The crocuses start to pop through the ground and the sun is noticeably stronger and warmer. There also is a greater amount of daylight. The first day of spring, the vernal equinox (which will occur this year on March 19), brings us 12 hours each of day and night.

But only hope springs eternal, as the saying goes, because March always is a disappointment, especially for those of us who live along the Massachusetts coastline.

The average high temperature on March 1 in our area is 42, with an average low of 28 for that date. Though the average high temperature increases to 51 (and the low to 37) by the end of the month, even on the warmest of March days, our proximity to the cold ocean -- which still has temperatures in the low 40s throughout March -- cools us by 10 degrees, which can feel even chillier if there is an onshore breeze.

In addition, with the arrival of daylight savings time (which this year is this Sunday, March 8), we may think that the additional hour of sunlight in the evening will bring milder temperatures. But daylight savings time is a trap that tricks our minds into thinking that warmer weather has arrived.

March also has the capacity for big storms. We all recall the high-tide event two years ago in the first week of March, 2018, that flooded the Boston area with the third-highest tide ever recorded in our area.

It is common in March for powerful nor'easters to pound our seashore, bringing heavy winds, high seas, and a wintry mix, including the occasional blizzard, that belie what the calendar says.

St. Patrick's Day falls on March 17, always a special day here in the Boston area. But who can recall a really warm one? Watching a St. Pat's Day parade or engaging in any outdoor activity on that day or evening requires full winter gear of a hat, gloves, and coat.

So yes, while the calendar may say that winter officially is over in March, we also know that March is not really the beginning of spring. It's somewhere in between, a version of weather purgatory -- the month that we must endure before we fully are released from the trials of winter so that we can move on to the heaven of spring and summer.



DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME - CLOCKS AHEAD 1 HOUR MARCH 8

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the national-level media had an enormous impact; in a fluid race, his surge came at exactly the right time for him and the wrong time for Warren, swamping even our much stronger ground operation."

While admittedly disappointed by the election results for Sen. Warren, whom she described as the best candidate to defeat Trump, Councilor Bok added, "But I was encouraged by the collective commitment to defeating Trump, and the enthusiastic support for our grassroots progressive Ward 5 Democratic Committee at the bottom of the ballot."

State Rep. Jay Livingstone was also pleased to see Democratic voters galvanized in the election with the objective of unseating President Trump.

"I think voters were very excited to vote in the Democratic primary yesterday and seemed most focused on who would be the best candidate to beat Trump," Rep. Livingstone wrote.

Massachusetts Democratic Party Chair Gus Bickford point-

ed to the voter turnout on Super Tuesday across all 14 participating states as a clear indication that "Democrats are energized and are eager to turn the page on the dark presidency of Donald Trump."

Bickford added, "An incredible number of voters cast ballots in this Democratic primary for President because while income inequality is growing, while climate change is destroying our planet, and while racial inequities are persisting, the policies of Donald Trump have only made these and other crises worse. [Super Tuesday] marks the beginning of the reckoning for Donald Trump."

Across the aisle, however, Brad Parscale, Trump 2020 campaign manager, asserted that the election results suggest a sense of indecisiveness on the part of Democratic voters.

"The results only increase the likelihood that no candidate will have enough delegates for a first ballot victory at their convention, which only means more chaos," Parscale said in an official

statement. "The media is hyperventilating about Joe Biden, but everyone should remember that he is just as terrible a candidate right now as he was a few days ago. At the same time, establishment Democrats have ganged up to try to deny Bernie Sanders the nomination, which is causing even more mayhem. Even if Bernie is not on November's ballot, his big government socialist ideas will be because they have become mainstream in today's Democrat Party. President Trump will wipe the floor with whatever Democrat is unlucky enough to be the nominee."

On the Republican side, President Donald Trump easily topped the Boston Republican ballot with 6,469 votes (81.8 percent). Former Gov. William Weld garnered 982 votes (12.4 percent).

The Libertarian Party nomination went to Jacob George Hornberger with 34 votes (12.5 percent). The Green Party in Boston chose Dario Hunter with 26 votes (20.63 percent).

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Beacon Hill Women’s Forum to focus on writers at March 10 meeting

By Linda Calandra

Do you secretly harbor a passion for writing? Wish someone could hear what you have written, appreciate it, comment? Hope to be inspired by another writer’s journey and process? Then come and join us for an inspiring evening on Tuesday, March 10, at 6 p.m., at The Hampshire House at 84 Beacon St..

One of the most popular and enduring annual events of the Beacon Hill Women’s Forum, The Writers Forum will feature the author Jeanne Blasberg. The written word has the power to gen-

erate new ideas, distract us for a while, and perhaps even change the way we view ourselves and our world. Come listen and hear what Jeanne has to say! She will also be meeting before the Forum with BHWF members aspiring writers.

There are many an author, poet, or playwright among our neighbors.

Jeanne Blasberg is the author of “Eden,” winner of the Beverly Hills Book Awards for Women’s Fiction and finalist for both the Benjamin Franklin Award for Best New Voice in Fiction and the Sarton Women’s Book Award for Historical Fiction. Eden

was released in May 2017 by She Writes Press. After graduating from Smith College, Jeanne embarked on a career in finance. Even as she worked primarily with numbers, she always had an interest in writing. Blasberg is the founder of the Westerly Memoir Project as well as a board member of the Boston Book Festival. She is a student and board member of Grub Street, one of the country’s pre-eminent creative writing centers where she wrote and revised her second novel, “The Nine” (She Writes Press August 2019).

Visit <https://beaconhillwomensforum.org/> for more information.



Author Jeanne Blasberg.

BHCA (from pg. 1)

and our Traffic and Parking Committee work with the Boston Transportation Department to ensure that contractors have the access they need to complete their work with as little negative impact on residents as possible.

While the contractors should remove the permits when their work has been completed, often they do not. If residents see any contractor or moving permits that have expired, they should feel free them to remove them.

If you have questions about construction or utility work in

your area, please contact the BHCA office or call the City’s hotline at 311.

Upcoming Meetings

Monday, March 9: BHCA Board of Directors Meeting, 7pm, 74 Joy Street.

Upcoming Special Events

April (TBD): Founders Reception. Please call the BHCA to learn how you can become a Founder.

April (TBD): An Evening at 74 April (TBD): One Boston

Clothing Drive

Saturday, May 2nd: Love Your Block Neighborhood Cleanup

May (TBD): New Members Reception

Monday, May 18th: Beacon Hill Civic Association 98th Annual Meeting & Reception. 6 – 8 p.m., Union Club, 8 Park Street

Visit the Beacon Hill Civic Association website bhcivic.org and/or call the office (617-227-1922) for more information on how to get involved.

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Public Meeting

Urban Renewal Community Meeting

Thursday, March 26
6:00 PM

West End Museum
150 Staniford Street
Boston, MA 02114

Project Proponent:

Boston Planning and Development Agency

Project Description:

The Boston Planning and Development Agency invites the surrounding neighbors for a meeting to gather information on potential updates to the West End Urban Renewal Plan.

mail to: Christopher Breen

Boston Planning & Development Agency
One City Hall Square, 9th Floor
Boston, MA 02201

phone: 617.918.4202

email: chris.breen@boston.gov

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BOSTON WARD 5 DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS DRAWS HUGE TURNOUT



Pictured are the elected delegates to the upcoming Massachusetts Democratic State Convention.

The Boston Ward 5 Democratic Caucus to elect delegates to the upcoming Massachusetts Democratic State Convention was packed with nearly 100 people attending at Old South Church on Saturday, Feb. 29.


In addition to the many residents of Ward 5, elected officials representing all or parts of Ward 5 came out in force to address the caucus in advance of the voting. Speakers included Sen. Ed Markey, who is running for reelection this year, and Vickie Kennedy as a surrogate for Congressman Joe Kennedy, who is opposing Sen. Markey.

The caucus elected 24 delegates and five alternates, with both groups being gender-balanced, as required under the State Committee rules. The Convention will be held at the Tsongas Arena in Lowell on Saturday, May 30.



Pictured, left to right, are City Councilor Kenzie Bok, Sen. Ed Markey, Ross Levanto, Susan Florence-Smith, Cindy Korb and Kathy Judge.

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Pictured, left to right, are Jeremy Cushman, Molly Hitt, Natalie Heer, Rob Whitney, Diane Barry, Kathy Judge, Sen. Ed Markey and Rep. Jay Livingstone.



Above, State Rep. Aaron Michlewitz addressing the Caucus.



Left, City Councilor Kenzie Bok addressing the Caucus.

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Mayor starts overhaul of ZBA

By John Lynds

In the wake of the scandal that rocked the Boston Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) last year, District 1 City Councilor Lydia Edwards called for an overhaul of the city's zoning board.

The John Lynch-bribing scandal trickled down to the ZBA and led Mayor Martin Walsh to call for an investigation into the board.

Lynch, the city's Director of Real Estate, pleaded guilty in federal court to accepting \$50,000 from a developer to sway members of the ZBA on a vote.

Since his plea, ZBA Board Member Craig Galvin has resigned and former ISD Commissioner Buddy Christopher, who has been serving as an advisor to Mayor Martin Walsh, also jumped ship from City Hall. Reports then surfaced that Galvin's real estate company may have benefited from votes he took approving projects that he and his wife later sold.

As the scandal unfolded Edwards filed legislation to modernize and reform ZBA.

On Monday, Walsh signed an Executive Order to establish new, rigorous ethical standards for the ZBA and institute strong policies and procedures that will bring a significantly increased level of transparency, accountability and integrity to the board of appeals.

These important changes are informed, in part, by the findings of the Sullivan & Worcester report and initiate both immediate

and long-term changes needed to ensure that best practices, strong internal protocols and policies are in place at the ZBA.

"The ZBA plays a critical role for our city, but to be effective in this role and maintain public confidence, the board must operate at the highest standards of professionalism, ethics, and accessibility," said Walsh. "The changes we are making today will go further than state ethics laws that currently govern the board and its members, modernize the function of the board to make it more accessible and transparent to the public, and I will file legislation to change the membership of the board to ensure that it is reflective of our neighborhoods and their concerns. I want to assure the residents of Boston that they can have confidence in the ZBA and that we will continue to protect what we love about our neighborhoods as we grow and evolve as a city."

Through these reforms, Walsh is spearheading the changes necessary to strengthen public confidence in the board, improve their functions and efficiencies, and create a more understandable and transparent process. The changes will include strict standards around conflict of interest, financial and ethical disclosures for both board members and certain applicants seeking project approvals, rules governing business dealings before, during and after projects are considered and approved, enhanced ethical training for

board members, as well as technological improvements to bring greater access to the board and its process for the public.

According to the Mayor's Office the Executive Order bolsters the ethics and transparency expectations of its board members by implementing new disclosure requirements, prohibiting members from participating in any project in which they have an interest and prohibiting members from having any subsequent business dealings with any project on which they voted. In addition, the order establishes new standards for board members, requiring each member to submit annual statements of financial interest and undergo comprehensive ethics training.

Because changes to the ZBA require state approval, Walsh said he will continue to work with Edwards to craft a home rule petition to the Massachusetts state legislature to change the composition of the board to bring added perspective and expertise.

"It is critical that residents trust and have full and indiscriminate access to 21st century government. Today's executive order takes critical steps by modernizing the Zoning Board of Appeal, promoting transparency and strengthening ethical standards," said Edwards. "As the council moves forward with legislation regarding the Board of Appeal, I look forward to continued partnership with Mayor Walsh."



Mayor Martin Walsh signs an Executive Order to begin overhauling the ZBA Monday as City Councilor Lydia Edwards looks on.

The Executive Order by Walsh includes many of the overhauls Edwards called for last year.

According to the order, records would be available electronically and in person at City Hall and 1010 Mass Ave no later than seven days following a hearing. Notices of hearings would be posted and delivered electronically twenty days in advance. Contact information for the board would be posted electronically.

Appeals could be filed electronically, in person at city hall or at 1010 Mass Ave.

As part of the Mayor's commitment to making the ZBA more accessible to residents, the Executive Order calls for the designation of an ombudsperson to notify the public of their rights during

and outside of ZBA meetings and guide residents or appellants through basic procedural steps of appeal. In addition, the Board will be required to work with the Mayor's Office of Language and Communications Access to ensure the provision of translation services is available to residents.

The reforms announced today build on steps that Mayor Walsh took immediately after learning about the allegations of bribery that are currently under investigation, which include ordering a comprehensive, independent review of the practices and procedures of the Zoning Board of Appeal, and a separate review conducted by Attorney Brian Kelly to focus on allegations regarding a specific project.

FRESH AND LOCAL

Begin with what you know

By Penny & Ed Cherubino

The best starting point for learning to cook or exploring food cultures is to begin with what you know. If you know how to make scrambled eggs, that can be your starting point for making a diner-style omelet with ham and cheese. From there you can move on to a frittata or strata. With more egg experience under your apron, you might decide to master the perfect French omelet or a soufflé.

When it comes to food from other cultures, you can take the same approach. Someone new to Vietnamese food might start with pho ga— chicken noodle soup. It's familiar but comes with a plate of typically Vietnamese additions like Thai basil, mint, cilantro, bean sprouts, lime wedges, hoisin and



This is our favorite variation on Irish Soda Bread. It has whole wheat flour, oatmeal, and raisins added to the classic mixture.

chili sauces. The newcomer can add some or all of these and edge from what they know to what is new.

Try New Versions

As with many home cooks, we have a number of dishes in our regular rotation. We love to make new versions of our basic recipes. We might exchange ground beef

for ground chicken, kielbasa sausage for chorizo, and then adjust the seasonings to match the cultural origins of that ingredient.

Most recipes evolve over time. If you make your family's meatloaf, you may find your version is very different from the one your grandmother taught your father to make. The method and ingredients he passed down to you probably had a few tweaks that he added over time.

Start Where You Are

New cooks have a world of ingredients to explore and thousands of ways to turn those ingredients into wonderful dishes. However, they can also use a small pantry of trusted items to expand their cooking skills.

The cookbook "Lateral Cooking" by Niki Segnit is a guide to this sequential learning method. The publisher explained, "The

book is divided into twelve chapters, each covering a basic culinary category, such as 'Bread,' 'Stock, Soup & Stew,' or 'Sauce.' The recipes in each chapter are arranged on a continuum, passing from one to another with just a tweak or two to the method or ingredients. Once you've got the hang of flatbreads, for instance, then its neighboring dishes (crackers, soda bread, scones) will involve the easiest and most intuitive adjustments."

Since this is the month when we celebrate all things Irish, you could make soda bread your starting point. Even if you have never baked before, you can make soda bread. You are about to see recipes for it on every food site you visit.

Our favorite variation is an oatmeal and whole wheat version that includes raisins. Ed loves this bread so much that he (who has never had to bake or cook on his own)

learned to make it when Penny was too busy to supply his cravings.

In "Lateral Cooking," Segnit gives readers what she calls "leeways" – her ideas for adaptations and substitutions. She occasionally warns you about things her experience says not to try. In the soda bread, biscuits, cobbler section, she warns against replacing all the flour with gluten-free grains but instead suggests using oatmeal for some of the flour in soda bread, as we do.

Wherever you find yourself, as a cook or an eater, is a great starting place. From where you are today, you can choose to expand your skills, knowledge, and palate to move on to new recipes and new tastes from near and far.

Do you have a question or topic for Fresh & Local? Send an email to Penny@BostonZest.com with your suggestion.

Residents dissatisfied with current ZBA; City Council working on Home Rule Petition

By Lauren Bennett

Following Mayor Walsh's Executive Order calling for more transparency and ethical standards for the Zoning Board of Appeal (ZBA), the City Council Committee on Government Operations held a hearing on January 25 to discuss a Home Rule Petition regarding the ZBA.

City Councilor Lydia Edwards spearheaded the hearing, as well as the proposed Home Rule Petition, which she said would change the structure of the ZBA. The Home Rule Petition would need to pass both the City Council and at the State House in order to take effect.

The petition as proposed now requires that ZBA members have expertise in areas of affordable housing, civil rights, environmental protection and climate change, urban planning, and design of neighborhoods. Additionally, it would require that both homeowners and renters be on the board and have expertise in zoning and general laws.

"The proposal also includes a provision that prevents members of the ZBA from engaging in the business of real estate construction, development, or purchase or sale within the city while they are members of the Zoning Board," Edwards said. "The proposal also includes a provision that gives the City of Boston discretionary authority to acquire as a condition of appointment that ZBA members will not be engaged in the business

of real estate construction, development, purchase or sale within the City for up to five years after their term of service concludes or set restrictions on activities following a member's term of service." Additionally, the proposal requires that the ZBA public rules that would discourage "real or apparent" conflicts of interest during or after a ZBA member's term of service, and also requires that the ZBA's standards of review be put into the Boston Zoning Code. Additionally, the proposal requires that more information be available and easily accessible to the public, including contact information for the board members, a subscription list for notice and advertisement of board hearings, and a record of board proceedings, as well as establishes an Office of Community Council "to assure that people are fully informed and know their rights on the day of the hearings," Edwards said.

Lastly, the proposal establishes term limits board members and requires quarterly reports of variances. Edwards said that the City Council has received support from community organizations across the city, as well as letters of concern from architects who would like to see the requirement of an architect on the board remain.

Public testimony ranged from wanting to make sure technical expertise positions remained on the board to fully supporting the Home Rule Petition and recognizing the need for an overhaul of the ZBA.

Brian Blaesser, a partner at Dinsmore & Shohl, said that in order to have findings of fact, which is a large part of what the ZBA is based on, technical expertise is necessary. He said that the Home Rule Petition seems to replace "those technical expertise positions with positions of policy," and if the board loses the technical expertise and switches to a focus on policy, it will be unable to apply those technical standards.

Fatima Ali-Salaam of the Greater Mattapan Neighborhood Council said she supports the petition offered by the City Council, but agrees that it "should not exclude those with technical expertise," she said. "We agree with Councilor Edwards; it's a good start."

Elliott Laffer of the Neighborhood Association of the Back Bay (NABB) said that he has spent a number of hours before the ZBA, and agrees that there should be no conflicts of interest within the board.

However, "the most fundamental problem with the ZBA is not with the board, but how many cases are in front of the board," he said. "We are zoning by exception. If the zoning code was properly written, we wouldn't spend as much time smoothing things out."

He said that most cases that come before the ZBA are ones asking for variances, and "maybe only two get turned down" out of 40 or 50 cases. "We're doing something wrong in the way we act," he said, adding that he feels the ZBA has a "strong bias" toward approval

from the board—many people go in expecting an approval right off the bat.

Raymond Hurteau, a smaller independent developer in the Boston area, said that he does not agree with the zoning code as it is today, and would like to see some of the restrictions lifted.

"We do live in the City of Boston, and it's a city and whether we like it or not, if we aren't thinking towards the future in terms of density and not thinking of the impacts of the added density, we're going to continue to have a supply shortage," he said. He said that if some supply constraints were removed, more units could be developed and prices would fall.

Thomas Schiavoni, a North End resident, expressed frustrations with the ZBA process and hearings themselves. He said that people have taken time off of work, canceled medical appointments, and scrambled to find babysitters so they can come to a ZBA hearing for a project they're concerned about, only to find out at the hearing that the project is deferred. Developers are "more than likely" to be granted requested deferrals, he said, which leads to frustration in the public.

Additionally, he said that people out in the hallway outside the hearing room can often be loud and disruptive during hearings, making it difficult to hear the current case. "When we don't understand the process, it ends as disrespect for the process," he said, adding that people lose faith in the

ZBA system when the process is confusing or misleading.

Luanne O'Connor, a resident from South Boston, said that the City Point Neighborhood Association is also frustrated and upset with the zoning process. "I do think that we need transparency, accountability," she said. "We don't really have a lot of information insofar as statistics." She said that residents are being displaced and the city needs to look into more responsible development.

"If we're going to trust the ZBA, we need to have a process that we can trust," O'Connor said. She also said that she believes the ZBA is currently "disregarding" elected officials, neighborhood associations, and abutters when some projects still get approved despite the fact that large numbers of people are opposed to them.

I'm very excited for your Home Rule Petition," she told the City Council.

The City Council then spoke with members of the Walsh Administration to ask questions about the current ZBA process and make suggestions to how things might be able to be adjusted moving forward.

"This is the beginning," Councilor Edwards said. She added that the Council will have working sessions moving forward to finalize the language for the Home Rule Petition, and then it can go before the Council for a vote. If passed, it will then move on to the State House for a vote.

Beacon Hill residents running in the Boston Marathon to raise money for Dana-Farber Cancer Institute

On April 20, Hannah Chory and Kiley Coffey from Beacon Hill, are running to conquer cancer as members of the Dana-Farber Marathon Challenge team in the 124th Boston Marathon.

The runners, along with more than 500 Dana-Farber Marathon Challenge teammates from across the United States and around the world, will run Massachusetts' historic marathon route from Hopkinton to Boston to raise \$6.25 million for cancer research at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute.

This year marks the 31st annual running of the Dana-Farber Marathon Challenge (DFMC). One hundred percent of the money raised by the Dana-Farber Marathon Challenge team goes to Dana-Farber's Claudia Adams Barr Program in Innovative Basic Cancer Research, which supports promising science research in its earliest stages. The Dana-Farber

Marathon Challenge has raised more than \$100 million for the Claudia Adams Barr Program to date.

In 1990, Dana-Farber was among the first charity organizations to be recognized by the Boston Athletic Association (B.A.A.), which organizes the Boston Marathon. The Dana-Farber Marathon Challenge team offers its members extensive fundraising support, training guidance from 1976 Boston Marathon men's champion Jack Fultz, and Boston-area training runs, plus volunteer opportunities for non-runners. Dana-Farber Marathon Challenge runners who are not time-qualified for the Boston Marathon receive an invitational entry into the race.

Dana-Farber Marathon Challenge runners include cancer survivors and patients, and family and friends of those who have

been affected by cancer. Each team member must fulfill a basic fundraising commitment:

- Invitational runners, runners who receive their entry from Dana-Farber, have a fundraising commitment of \$7,500.

- Own entry runners, runners who have joined the DFMC after obtaining their own race entry, have a fundraising commitment of \$4,000.

A cornerstone of the Dana-Farber Marathon Challenge is its Partner Program. Each year, approximately 50 current pediatric cancer patients of Dana-Farber's Jimmy Fund Clinic are paired with DFMC runners as "Patient Partners." For the young patients, their partnerships with the runners provide a unique and friendly focus outside their illnesses. Another two dozen Partner Program families are paired with runners through

the "In-Memory Program" in remembrance of their children.

To contribute to the Dana-Farber Marathon Challenge, visit RunDFMC.org or contact the Dana-Farber Marathon Challenge office at (617) 632-1970 or dfmc@dfci.harvard.edu. Follow DFMC on Facebook: www.facebook.com/marathonchallenge. On Twitter: #RunDFMC.

Dana-Farber's Claudia Adams Barr Program in Innovative Basic Cancer Research

Since its inception in 1990, the Dana-Farber Marathon Challenge has raised more than \$100 million for the Claudia Adams Barr Program in Innovative Basic Cancer Research. Dana-Farber Trustees J. Wayne and Delores Barr Weaver founded the program in 1987 to honor Mrs. Weaver's mother, Claudia Adams Barr, who lost her battle with cancer 30 years earlier.

Dana-Farber Cancer Institute is one of the world's leading centers of cancer research and treatment. It is ranked in the top five of U.S. News and World Report's Best Hospitals for both adult and pediatric cancer care. Dana-Farber's mission is to reduce the burden of cancer through scientific inquiry, clinical care, education, community engagement, and advocacy. We provide the latest in cancer for adults through Dana-Farber/Brigham and Women's Cancer Care and for children through Dana-Farber/Boston Children's Cancer and Blood Disorders Center. Dana-Farber is dedicated to a unique and equal balance between cancer research and care, translating the results of discovery into new treatments for patients locally and around the world.

NEIGHBORHOOD ROUNDUP

Revolutionary Spaces happenings

Revolutionary Spaces will hold a Boston Massacre 250th Anniversary Commemoration at the Old South Meeting House, 310 Washington St., on Thursday, March 5, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. There are up to 100 seats available for the public. Registration is required at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/boston-massacre-250th-anniversary-commemoration-tickets-95405922683>.

Also, beginning Thursday, March 5, "Reflecting Attacks" – a new temporary exhibit – will open in Representatives Hall at the Old State House at 206 Washington St. The exhibition will explore the life and memory of Crispus Attucks, a man of African and Native American descent and the first casualty of the Boston Massacre, and provoke visitors to consider how Attucks has been remembered over the past 250 years.

To complement the exhibit, Revolutionary Spaces presents the 2020 Boston Massacre Reenactment at the Old State House, 206 Washington St., on Saturday, March 7, from 1 to 5 p.m. and 7 to 7:30 p.m. From 1-5 p.m., reenactors will illustrate the tensions between Boston residents and British soldiers through a combination of interpretations inside and outside of the Old State House, Old South Meeting House and the Edes & Gill Print Shop at Faneuil Hall; and from 7 to 7:30 p.m., the reenactment of the Boston Massacre incident will take place outside the Old State House near the Boston Massacre Site on the Freedom Trail. Visit <https://www.facebook.com/events/2471494463179960/> for more information.

Hill House offering two events for kids the first weekend of March

On Friday, March 6, Hill House, Inc. located at 127 Mount Vernon St., is offering Friday Night Out for ages 3 to 10. Parents can drop off their kids from 6:15 to 9:15 p.m. for a night of crafts, games and a showing of "Matilda (PG)."

On Sunday, March 8, Hill House will be offering its annual Meant to Bead Art Workshop from noon to 2 p.m. In this workshop, kids will learn about different types of jewelry and how their made - and even take pieces home. To learn more, contact Chelsea at cevered@hillhouseboston.org. You can also register at hillhouseboston.org.

'Conversation with a Caregiver'

The Dementia Care Collaborative at MGH offers a free presentation: called "What You Really Need to Know About Caring for a Person with Dementia: How Habilitation Therapy Can Help," with Paul Raia, principal, Ross/Raia Design, at Mass. General Hospital, O'Keefe Auditorium, 55 Fruit St., on Tuesday, March 17, at 5:30 p.m.

R.S.V.P. to 617-724-0406.

Hill House Kiddie Kamp open for enrollment

Hill House, Inc. located at 127 Mount Vernon St., is currently enrolling for its Kiddie Kamp, which is specifically for kids aged 3-5 and the perfect combination of new and exciting experiences in a safe, familiar environment. Join a staff of counselors for a summer full of games, crafts, stories, songs, age-appropriate athletics and outdoor fun. Your child will build confidence, independence and friendships.

For more information on Kiddie Kamp, or how to register - some weeks are at 80-percent capacity, so don't wait - contact Chelsea Evered at 617-227-5838 or cevered@hillhouseboston.org, or visit hillhouseboston.org.

Hill House Spring Baseball League registration now open

Hill House, Inc. located at 127 Mount Vernon St., has opened up Baseball and Softball League registration. Members of the community can now register for its new Red Sox Rookie League for 4-year-olds, T-Ball (ages 5-6.5), AA Baseball (ages 6.5-7), AAA Baseball (ages 8-9) and Majors League (10- to 12-year-olds). Hill house also offers Girls Softball for 6- to 8-year-olds and 9- to 12-year-olds. All leagues are coed, and the season will begin the first week in April.

Visit <http://www.hillhouseboston.org/Athletics/Baseball.htm> for more details.

For more information on the Hill House Little League, contact Hill House Athletics Director Marshall Caldera at 617-227-5838 or mcaldera@hillhouseboston.org.

BSNJ Community Children's Chorus

The Boston Society of The New Jerusalem (BSNJ) Community Children's Chorus is a compre-

hensive musical training program for children in the third through seventh grades.

Your child will be participating in a program that promotes: the love of music, expressive singing, teamwork-cooperative learning, building new friendships, self-assessment and the fun of being in an outstanding program.

The group meets at 140 Bowdoin St. on Saturday mornings. Tuition is free for any child with a Greater Boston-area address. All levels of singing ability are welcome. To register, contact Carlton Doctor at 617-523-4575 or visit www.churchonthehillboston.org (click on "music.")

BSNJ/The Church On The Hill sponsors this initiative, but we are not promoting any religious ideology.

'Coloring for Adults' at the West End Branch Library

The West End Branch of the Boston Public Library, located at 151 Cambridge St., presents "Color Your World: Coloring for Adults" on Fridays from 2 to 4 p.m.

At this time, the library will supply coloring pages, colored pencils, markers and crayons, or bring your own supplies if you prefer. Feel free to drop in between these hours.

Call 617-523-3957 for more information.

Spanish/English Language Exchange

The West End Branch of the Boston Public Library, located at 151 Cambridge St., presents the Spanish/English Language Exchange/Intercambio de Idiomas en Inglés y Español on Mondays from 3 to 5 p.m.

At this time, English speakers can practice Spanish and Spanish speakers can practice English in this fun, informal conversation class.

Call 617-523-3957 for more information.

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The Boston Society of The New Jerusalem (BSNJ) Community Children's Chorus is a comprehensive musical training program for children in Grades 3 to 7.

Your child will be participating in a program that promotes: the love of music, expressive singing, teamwork-cooperative learning, building new friendships, self-assessment and the fun of being in a well organized program.

The rehearsals take place at

140 Bowdoin St. on Tuesday afternoons. Tuition is free for any child with a Boston address. All levels of singing ability are welcome. To sign up, please contact Mr. Doctor at 617-523-4575 or visit www.churchonthehillboston.org (click on "music").

The Church on the Hill sponsors this initiative but we are not promoting any religious ideology.

ESL conversation group resumes meeting at West End Branch Library

The West End Branch of the Boston Public Library, located at 151 Cambridge St., welcomes the English as a Second Language (ESL) conversation group every Tuesday from noon to 1:30 p.m. Come and practice your English language skills with other newcomers and a facilitator.

West End Playgroup meets Tuesday mornings

The West End Community Center, located at 1 Congress St., welcomes the West End Playgroup on Tuesdays from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. through the fall and winter.

This is a free drop-in time to let kids play and adults chat with one another. Small toy donations are welcome.

Get homework help at the West End Branch Library

The West End Branch of the Boston Public Library, located at 151 Cambridge St., offers homework help every Thursday from 4 to 6 p.m.

Get help from a Boston Public Schools teacher. No appointment necessary; simply drop in with your homework.

Call 617-523-3957 for more information.

Compassionate Friends group reaches out to bereaved parents, families

The Boston Chapter of The Compassionate Friends (TCF) meets at Trinity Church on the first Tuesday of each month from 6 to 7:30 p.m.

TCF is a national self-help, mutual-assistance organization offering friendship, understanding and hope to bereaved parents and their families. Call

617-539-6424 or e-mail tcfofboston@gmail.com for more information.

West End Food Pantry seeking donations

The West End Food Pantry

needs help to continue serving its more than 120 clients per month. They welcome donations to replenish the supply of food that they give out to hungry residents in the neighborhood.

The pantry is located in the West End Branch of the Boston Public Library and is staffed by volunteers from ABCD's North End/West End Neighborhood Service Center. Non-perishable (canned and boxed) items are being sought, including rice, pasta, canned tuna, canned chicken, chili, beans, vegetables, cereal, soups, cup of noodles, etc.

Donations can be left at the library, 151 Cambridge St., on Monday through Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Thursday from noon to 8 p.m. and Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Volunteers needed for hot meal program

The North End/West End Neighborhood Service Center (NE/WE NSC), located at 1 Michelangelo St., serves a hot, fresh, home-cooked lunch to seniors in the neighborhood Mondays and Fridays, and is looking for two volunteers to help with shopping, food preparation, cooking, serving and clean-up. The non-profit providing services and programs to low-income residents of the North End, West End and Beacon Hill is looking for volunteers who can assist with the whole meal from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on a Monday and/or Friday, but can make arrangements to fit your schedule.

Contact Maria Stella Gulla, director, at 617-523-8125, ext. 201, via e-mail at maristella.gulla@bostonabcd.org for more information.

Introduction to laptops, eReaders and iPads at the West End Branch Library

The West End Branch of the Boston Public Library, 151 Cambridge St., offers an introduction to laptops, eReaders and iPads by appointment only. Get the most out of your eReader or Laptop. Receive tips and guidance during these one-on-one sessions. Call Branch Librarian, Helen Bender at 617-523-3957 or e-mail hbender@bpl.org to set up an appointment.

Yoga for seniors at the West End Branch Library

The West End Branch of

CALENDAR

THE DEADLINE FOR LISTING EVENTS IS THE TUESDAY BEFORE PUBLICATION. CALL 617-523-9490 OR FAX 617-523-8668 OR EMAIL EDITOR@BEACONHILLTIMES.COM

THURSDAY, MARCH 5

EVENT, Boston Massacre 250th Anniversary Commemoration, Old South Meeting House, 310 Washington St., 6:30-8 p.m., register at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/boston-massacre-250th-anniversary-commemoration-tickets-95405922683>

FRIEDAY, MARCH 6

CHILDREN'S ACTIVITY, annual Meant to Bead Art Workshop, Hill House, 127 Mount Vernon St., noon-2 p.m., contact Chelsea at cevered@hillhouseboston.org to learn more, register at hillhouseboston.org

SATURDAY, MARCH 7

EVENT, 2020 Boston Massacre Reenactment, Old State House, 206 Washington St., 1-5 p.m.; 7-7:30 p.m., visit <https://www.facebook.com/events/2471494463179960/> for more information

SUNDAY, MARCH 8

CHILDREN'S ACTIVITY, Friday Night Out for ages 3 to 10, Hill House, 127 Mount Vernon St., 6:15-9:15 p.m., contact Chelsea at cevered@hillhouseboston.org to learn more, register at hillhouseboston.org

TUESDAY, MARCH 10

CONCERT, cellist Cora Swenson Lee performing works by Britten, Cassado and Saygun, King's Chapel, 58 Tremont St., 12:15 p.m., suggested donation: \$5, call 617-227-2155 for more information

TUESDAY, MARCH 17

CONCERT, Amaranti Ensemble: Maria Alejanadra Montero (soprano), Maria Gabriela Alvraado (traverso) and Kyle Collins (harpsichord) performing "Gibraltar: A Clash Between Nations," King's Chapel, 58 Tremont St., 12:15 p.m., suggested donation: \$5, call 617-227-2155 for more information

PRESENTATION, "What You Really Need to Know About Caring for a Person with Dementia: How Habilitation Therapy Can Help," Mass. General Hospital, O'Keefe Auditorium, 55 Fruit St., 5:30 p.m., admission: free, R.S.V.P. to 617-724-0406

TUESDAY, MARCH 24

CONCERT, Michael Hall (viola) and Aaron Larget-Caplan (guitar) performing works by Read, Trester and Ribeiro, King's Chapel, 58 Tremont St., 12:15 p.m., suggested donation: \$5, call 617-227-2155 for more information

TUESDAY, MARCH 31

CONCERT, David Williams Hughes (voice and lute) performing "Songs of Sadness, Satire and Seduction," King's Chapel, 58 Tremont St., 12:15 p.m., suggested donation: \$5, call 617-227-2155 for more information

NEIGHBORHOOD ROUNDUP

the Boston Public Library, 151 Cambridge St., presents yoga for seniors every Tuesday from 2:45 to 3:30 p.m. Classes are led by Tatiana Nekrasova, a certified yoga instructor.

Volunteer at Spaulding Rehab

Stay active, meet new people and be connected with your community by volunteering at Spaulding Rehabilitation Hospital. Staff members will match your skills and interests to a volunteer opportunity. The hospital is currently recruiting volunteers, ages 18 and up, for two- to three-hour-a-week shifts for a minimum of six to 12 months commitment. Visit www.spauldingnetwork.org for more information.

After-work tai chi group at the West End Branch Library

The West End Branch of the Boston Public Library, 151 Cambridge St., welcomes after-work tai chi group every Thursday from 5 to 6 p.m. Come and try this low impact energy exercise with yang-style tai chi instructor Arthur Soo-Hoo.

Be a friend to elderly in need

FriendshipWorks seeks caring people to offer help and support to isolated elders in the Boston area. Volunteers are needed to provide companionship and assist elders with tasks such as reading, organizing, or going for a walk - lend an hour each week and gain a friend and a new perspective. Volunteers also needed to escort elders to and from medical appointments. No car is needed and hours are flexible. For more

information or to apply online, visit www.fw4elders.org or call 617-482-1510.

Local residents needed to drive cancer patients to and from treatment

The American Cancer Society is in great need of Road to Recovery volunteers to drive local cancer patients to and from their chemotherapy and/or radiation treatments. An integral part of treating cancer successfully is making sure cancer patients receive their treatments, but many find making transportation arrangements is a challenge. The American Cancer Society provided more than 19,000 rides to cancer patients in New England last year, but needs new volunteer drivers to keep up with the demand for transportation.

Make a difference in the fight against cancer by becoming a volunteer driver for the American Cancer Society's Road to Recovery. Drivers use their own

vehicle to drive patients to and from their treatments. The schedule for volunteers is flexible, and treatment appointments take place weekdays, primarily during business hours. If you or someone you know is interested in becoming a volunteer driver for Road to Recovery, contact your American Cancer Society at 800-227-2345 or visit www.cancer.org.

Join the Downtown Boston Rotary Club

The Downtown Boston Rotary Club, the first new Rotary Club in Boston in 100 years, holds meetings at the UMass Club in the Financial District on the first and third Tuesdays of each month from 6 to 7:15 p.m.

For more information, visit www.dbrotary.org or call 617-535-1950.

Mammograms Save Lives.

All women over 40 should have a mammogram once a year. Breast cancer found early offers the best chance to be cured. Free or low cost mammograms are available.

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Vandalism

02/26/20 - At around 10 a.m., police responded to Anderson and Pinckney streets for a report of vandalism to a motor vehicle. On arrival officers observed a 2011 Honda CRV with its front passenger window broken.

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NYT-bestselling author promotes new novel at Carrie Nation

By Times staff

New York Times bestselling author Laura Munson will be on hand to promote her latest novel "Willa's Grove" on Friday, March 6, from 6 to 8 p.m. at Carrie Nation, 11 Beacon St.

"Willa's Grove" tells the story of three women from across the country facing their own personal hardship who receive an intriguing invitation from Willa Silvester, who is reeling from the untimely death of her beloved husband and the reality that she must say goodbye to the small mountain town they founded. The women then converge on Silvester's homestead,



New York Times bestselling author Laura Munson.

where together they contemplate the next acts in their respective lives.

Munson, who is also the bestselling author of "This Is Not The Story You Think It Is," which

chronicles her own midlife journey, will read excerpts from latest novel at the event, followed by a Q&A and book signing. She will also give guests a free gift inspired by the women of "Willa's Grove."

The Creative Women's Lounge—a women's networking group—is sponsoring the event, and Jennifer Hill, owner of Blackstone's of Beacon Hill, will be on site selling copies of "Willa's Grove."

Admission is free for the event, which will feature lite fare and a cash bar, but seating is limited.

Visit www.creativewomenslounge.com to register and for more information on the event.



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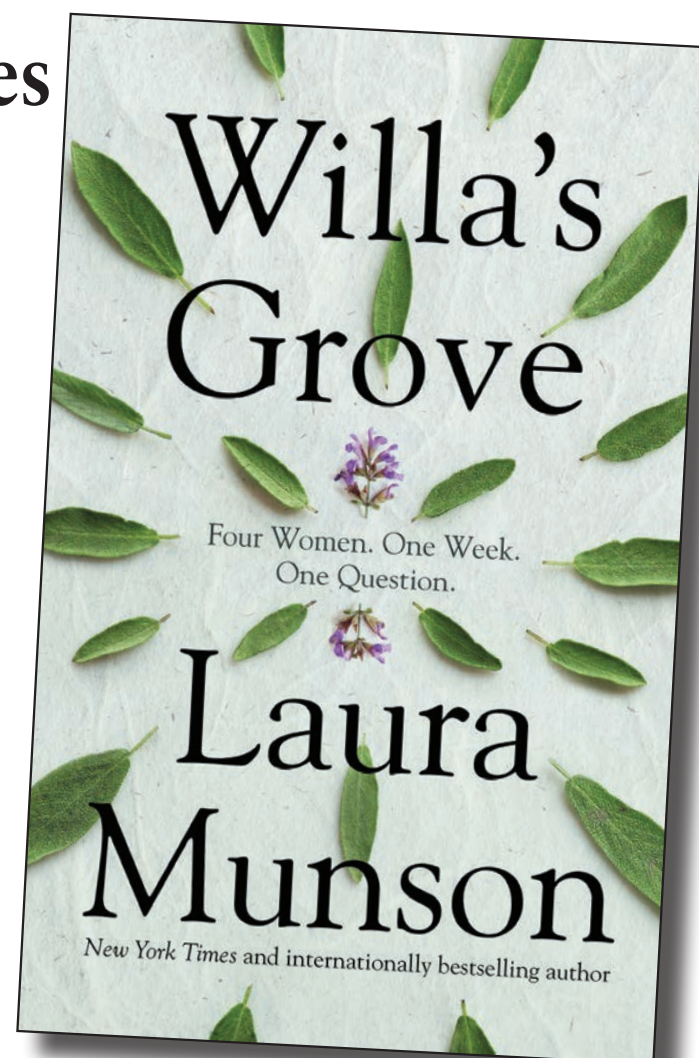
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